

Mackinac Bridge April Traffic Report

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Henry A. Lotoszinski, Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, reported today that 262,768 vehicles crossed the Mackinac Bridge during the month of April. This represents a 6.0 percent decrease when compared to the 279,411 crossings during April 2001. Fare revenue for the month was down 3.4 percent compared to last year, going from \$672,730 to \$649,797. Commercial traffic for the month of April was down 0.9 percent. Truck crossings were down 1 percent and bus crossings were up 1.4 percent.

Traffic for the first four months of 2002 is running 1.5 percent behind last year's pace; 984,075 vehicles compared to 998,777 in 2001. Fare revenue in 2002 totals \$2,472,694 compared to \$2,495,859 last year, a decrease of 0.9 percent. Commercial traffic for the first four months of 2002 is down 2.2 percent over the same period of last year.

Mr. Lotoszinski reported that construction activity has started at the Mackinac Bridge. This year's maintenance and construction programs include paint removal and repainting of the south side span, cable inspection, installation of a traffic monitoring system, and completion of the Bridge View Park. The park, west of the toll plaza in St. Ignace, is scheduled to open on June 12, 2002.